

I am sure the buggy whip companies and horse breeders put up a hoot when Ford's Model-T caught on. Trains with the success of airlines. Producers of white bread and sweets with the wave of Atkins and South Beach dieters. Petroleum industry with alternative fuels.

It is ironic there has been a frequent topic on a local radio station how the buying up of all the local stations by media conglomerates has reduced the localization of broadcasts, with a DJ broadcasting across multiple markets.

How is this significantly different from the Weather Channel on cable and satellite broadcasting local weather? Which side of the argument does that support?

I think this is a continuing abuse of the legislative system for specific, self-serving interests rather than benefit for the masses. If I am willing to shell out the fee for a couple of subscriptions, why should I not be able to get the traffic and weather? XM is not forcing me to listen to their traffic reports, but the NAB is attempting to limit who I can listen to for reports. Subway has not brought legislation forward to prevent Jack in the Box from serving deli sandwiches, or have they?

I actually still prefer the traffic and weather on a local AM station. All in all, it is not actually the traffic and weather I am no longer listening to on the terrestrial stations, it is the paltry playlists, DJs, and obnoxious commercials.

Please reject petition 04-160.